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# SAND WORK



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**Tin Zin Thup Me**, uses sand to craft an intricate picture Tuesday afternoon in the K-State Student Union Courtyard. Students could use the sand and make pictures of their own.

## Monks provide K-State with blessing through art

### Painting looks to promote global peace, fundraising

**Austin Enns**  
coverage editor

In one of the most unusual displays in recent memory, a group of nine monks have started a sand painting in the K-State Student Union Courtyard. Crowds of people have walked by in the past two days to see the monks' methodical artistry.

Beth Bailey, Assistant Director of the Union, said the image, or mandala, was picked for K-State because applied to the students and teachers.

"Each mandala has a special meaning. Because we are at an institution of higher education, the Union Program Council multicultural co-chairs chose the Manjushri mandala, which is the

Buddha that represents wisdom. This mandala was chosen in order to bless the Union and the university."

While the monks are originally from Tibet, their home monastery is currently in India due to problems with the Chinese government which governs Tibet.

Nawang Khenrab, spokesman for the monks, said the monks most talented in sand painting are sent to other countries to show the off the paintings.

"This mandala art was initiated by Buddha Shakyamuni 2,500 years ago, and they have to memorize the text of mandala as taught by Buddha Shakyamuni," Khenrab said. "When they do lines, they have to do it exactly as stated in the text."

The monks do about 35 engagements per year, and when they are not painting they stay at a monastery

in Atlanta, Georgia. Every monk is in then the United States for about a year and a half, and when they are done with their tour other monks will replace them.

Khenrab said the purpose of the paintings is to help bring global peace, Tibet awareness, and help with fundraising.

Monks spend hours making the designs with colored sand, filling in marks that were made with chalk at the beginning of the week.

Trent Yake, junior in accounting, was one of the many spectators.

"It's interesting how much experience and skill goes into it and how intricate it is," Yake said. "I wonder what's going through their head as they make it, what motivates them."

Near the cordoned off area the monks worked in, tables were set up for merchandise along with a table

were the curious could try out their own sand painting.

Blair Johnson, junior in math and co-head of the Union Programming Council multicultural committee, said bringing the monks, spokesman, and driver to K-State was significant work.

"It was a long process, they have an agent in Georgia responsible for their touring in the United States, so it was negotiating prices, photos, their diet, we had to plan out their meals," Johnson said. "Now that they're here it's a lot of checking in on them."

Johnson said during the day the monks are given meal passes at the Union, and four of them are staying with host families.

The monks visited K-State five years ago, and Johnson said some people are driving from as far away as Kansas City to see the monks at work.

## Success gives athletes a way to reshape hated image

### Betrayal, scandal top reasons for being disliked

**Daniel Stewart**  
staff writer

On compilation lists of Top 10 most hated people of the decade from numerous gossip and celebrity sites were many commonalities. Rounding near the top were many personalities known as "Sport-Celebs." Alex Rodriguez, Tiger Woods and LeBron James seemed to be the most predominant. These three are well-known people in the world, but why does the general public hate these guys so much?

Tim Underwood, K-State counselor, said the reason they are hated starts with the era of mass communications. Television, Internet and radio allow people to know just enough about these celebrities to form opinions, even if they will never know them personally.

What is the most recent memory of Woods in the general public's eye?

Is it a fist pumping victory at the U.S. Open on one good knee? Or is it a battered Woods, a broken car window, a 9-iron and the infidelity scandal of the decade? Did the sex scandal image stick because he has not won a major tournament? Perhaps so, it is interesting to do a direct comparison with Michael Vick.

"Success equals forgiveness," Underwood said. "Vick's redemption story has been very public. He has been honest about his crimes and went out to amend them. Tiger, not so much. The scandal is the freshest memory of Tiger and he has not won any major tournaments, the redemption and performance of Vick is fresher in people's minds."

Success may, indeed, speak volumes. Underwood said that the "American Dream" could be the key to all redemption. When an American goes to work, especially a high profile job such as quarterback for a NFL team, and does exceptionally well, then people are more likely to forgive them for wrongdoings.

In a recent SportsNation poll, Jay Cutler is the "most hated quarterback" in the league, not Vick. However Vick committed a felony and was in prison, while Cutler has a clean record. Perception is constantly evolving and this evolution can be pushed along stages through honesty and success, and honesty may be the most important aspect of public favorability, Underwood suggested.

Underwood said honesty might even be the reason so many baseball fans do not like Rodriguez. He, like countless other baseball players under the steroid spotlight, never truly addressed the issue after being accused.

"There are certain unwritten rules when playing sports," Underwood said. "Steroids in baseball are one of them. You are cheating and you are not getting there the honest way. It is damaging in the long run. It violates our spirit of fairness."

And then there is the bad guy of the year who ranked near the top of many lists: LeBron James. Underwood, coming from the Cleveland area, knew the story all too well. He said James is the "Darth Vader" of America because he told the biggest lie of all - a lie bigger than denying dogfighting, infidelity and steroids. James lied to the city he hailed from, Underwood said.

Underwood said from the very beginning of James' career, he told the city of Cleveland "he loved them." He was committed to sticking to his roots and not leaving until glory had been brought. Underwood said it would have been OK to leave, but what James

## Recyclemania standings show K-State at a standstill

### After a strong beginning, recycle efforts lagging

**Sam Diederich**  
news editor

K-State is sliding down the rankings at a time of year when they cannot afford a lapse in focus. This may sound like a concern of the men's basketball team, but in reality, it is a problem facing all K-State students and faculty.

Recyclemania, a seven-week international recycling competition, released standings for the fourth week of competition, which revealed a slip in K-State's ranking. After finishing week three ranked 241, K-State fell 10 spots to finish week four with a rank of 251 out of 362 participating universities.

Joseph Myers, physical plant supervisor for Facilities and Ground Maintenance, said the fall in rankings might be due to the current habits of Manhattan residents.

"Some of the other schools that are doing really well, it's part of the culture and part of the city. They are expected to

recycle and they do," Myers said. "In Manhattan, I think the people that recycle are recycling and the ones that don't, still aren't."

Myers, a member of the recycling committee that is organizing K-State's efforts in the competition, said a greater effort needs to be made in getting people involved in the competition.

"We are looking to find what it takes to get people more involved," Myers said. "I think education is a big part of it. It costs money to throw waste away too, and I don't think people totally realize that."

K-State's weekly recycling totals have remained consistent throughout the competition, but they have failed to make improvements from week to week. On the



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**Quentin Rawlins**, head of the K-State Recycling Department unloads a bin full of aluminum cans into a sorting bin that will be sent to the recycling plant where the university sells their recyclables Thursday.

other hand, the University of Kansas has made significant enough changes during the competition to finish in front of K-State for the first time in the first four weeks of

rankings.

"We pretty much just stay right where we are, and to be honest with you, it looks like it hasn't changed much in the past couple years," Myers

said. "We've gone up a couple percentage points, and I'm not sure if that is because we are tracking better or because recycling has actually increased."





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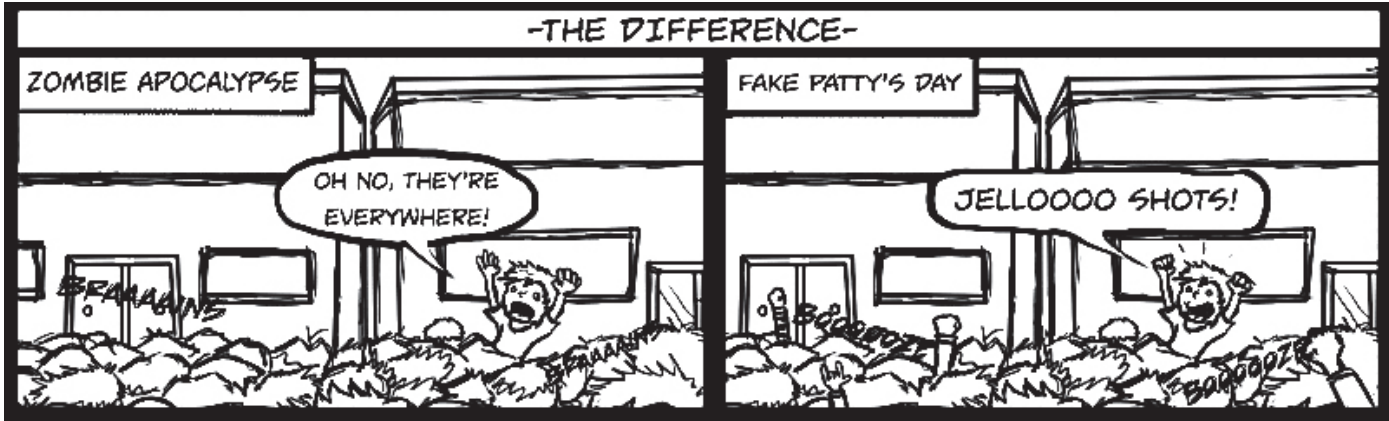
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## K-State face tough tests in upcoming tournament



Tyler Scott

Utah State, Wisconsin and Pittsburgh. K-State is already scheduled to play Utah State, while the other two teams present the next potential tests for the Wildcats. Any one of these teams could end K-State's season, but no matter the task, it could be a potentially similar trip this season compared to last when the team went to the Elite Eight.

The Utah State Aggies are underrated as a No. 12 seed, coming in as winners of the Western Athletic Conference and tournament with three losses this season. However, the competition they have gone up against has not been the best in the league. They have only played two ranked teams in Brigham Young University and Georgetown University, which resulted in two of the three losses.

The record tells a lot about Utah State, but the competition and fact that it only has one go-to guy in Tai Wesley, could present problems in the production department for the Aggies. K-State has more options than senior guard Jacob Pullen in the front court and wingman sophomore guard Rodney McGruder. I think the Wildcats should have no problem handling the Aggies.

Wisconsin could most likely be the next candidate for the team. It would be a rematch and chance for revenge for K-State from when it lost to the Badgers 72-55 in the second round of the 2008 NCAA Tournament. Junior forward Jamar Samuels recently said "it would be lovely" to have the rematch with them in the second round.

To me, Wisconsin could be the first real challenge. The Badgers have two players in Jon Leuer and Jordan Taylor who can be good at times, but they are not always at their best. Wisconsin recently lost to Penn State in the Big 10 Tournament in a low scoring 36-33 contest. Leuer and Taylor combined for 26 of the team's points.

If K-State gets past them, Pittsburgh would most likely be on the board. They are the No. 1 seed of the Southeast region and are a high pick for making a trip to the Final Four. The region already presents a few teams that could make surprising runs including K-State, St. John's or Gonzaga.

Pittsburgh has plenty of options for who can score the ball. Besides Kansas and Texas, the Panthers could be considered one of the deeper teams the Wildcats would have to face. Ashton Gibbs, who was hurt earlier in the season, is back at full strength averaging 16.7 points per game and Brad Wanamaker has contributed an average of 12 points per game.

I think with these potential match-ups, it would be a tough road for the Wildcats but they do have the players who can help them win these games. Some people are already choosing K-State to make it at least the Elite Eight or even the Final Four.

I know I went way over the top when I said K-State would move down to a 10 or 11 seed after the devastating loss to Colorado. The committee proved me wrong and for good doing because everyone wants to see the team have a five seed over anything lower.

The Wildcats should once again make a deep run, as I think they can beat the Aggies and Badgers. If the team faces the Panthers in the Sweet Sixteen, it could be a tough game as K-State would need to try and stop the superstars of the Big East conference.

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# STAR TRACK

## Stiff competition at tournament: Men finish 18th, Women 45th

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Track and Field head coach Cliff Rovelto called this year's NCAA tournament field in College Station, Texas, the deepest he has ever seen. Rovelto expected his men to make a splash at the NCAA tournament and finish in the top 10. The Wildcats came up short of Rovelto's expectations and finished 18th.

Sophomore high jumper Erik Kynard entered the championship ranked number one, but was unable to bring the championship home to Manhattan. Instead, the title went to junior Derek Drouin from Indiana University. In the process, Drouin cleared Kynard's season high mark of 7-07.75, his third NCAA high jump title.

According to [kstatesports.com](http://kstatesports.com), Rovelto added that Kynard, along with other jumpers, slipped on the track surface. Although Kynard was unable to come away with the championship, his performance gave K-State an All-American in high jump for the eighth straight year.

Junior Mantas Silkauskas

had a record-setting day in the heptathlon. Silkauskas scored 5,822 points in the event, earning him seventh place in the standings. This score broke K-State's school record and was the highest score for a seventh place finish in the NCAA championships. Silkauskas held a small lead in the event after the first three events, but the rest of the competitors caught up with him in the pole vault. Silkauskas earned first team All-American honors.

Also in the heptathlon, K-State senior Moritz Cleve finished 10th.

Senior Jeffrey Julmis came into the 60-meter hurdles ranked fifth and finished in the same position. In the process, Julmis tied his personal best of 7.72 seconds. The University of Southern California's Brendan Ames finished one-hundredth of a second behind Julmis at 7.73 seconds. With the finish, Julmis became K-State's first All-American in the indoor hurdles since Vance Rowland earned the honor in the 60-yard hurdles in 1975.

The men's team scored 12 points, which was two points shy of their score two years ago. The Wildcats finished

tied for 16th, improving over three teams that beat them at the Big 12 championships.

The women's team scored three points for a 45th place finish.

Junior Ryann Kraiss scored the only points for the Wildcats by finishing sixth in the pentathlon. Kraiss was also named a first team All-American.

Junior Nina Kokot finished just outside the top eight in the long jump in ninth place.

While the Wildcats were unable to meet Rovelto's pre-meet expectations, Rovelto was excited about how well his team performed according to [kstatesports.com](http://kstatesports.com).

"Overall, this may have been among the best indoor championship meets since I've been at K-State," Rovelto said. "We had seven qualify, four of them should earn first team All-America and six finished in the top 10. I believe this year's meet to be the best I have ever seen."

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Ryann Kraiss, junior in combined events, leaps during the long jump event at the K-State open meet on Feb. 18 in Aheard Fieldhouse.



## Rollercoaster season may work in favor of Wildcats

Ashley Dunkak  
senior staff writer

Throughout the 2010-2011 men's basketball season, there have been some tricky situations, ranging from suspensions to departures to Jacob Pullen's NIT comment to the team's exceedingly difficult schedule. But for every cloud that has presented itself in the past several months, there has been a silver lining.

The first bad surprise people remember from this season was the suspension of the team's two seniors. Going into the game against the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in Kansas City, Mo., the Wildcats had won 10 games and lost only twice - to Duke University and to the University of Florida, both ranked teams. Then K-State reinvented the news release, announcing via papers handed out to the media that Jacob Pullen and Curtis Kelly - both preseason All-Big 12 selections - would not be playing due to NCAA suspensions stemming from receiving impermissible benefits.

As it turned out, Pullen would be out for three games, while Kelly served a six-game suspension. Kelly had already spent three games on the bench at head coach Frank Martin's discretion at the beginning of the season.

Now the seniors talk about how hard it was to watch their teammates play without them, knowing they could have helped them if they had been able to participate.

Looking back, Pullen sees a positive aspect of the situation. Because the team is heavy on underclassmen, many of the players had never been put in a situation to be leaders; they were always playing with other good players and had limited responsibilities as role players. With the team suddenly short two players, that was no longer the situation for them.

"When the suspension happened, it made other people step up," Pullen said. "It made Rodney McGruder step up and say, 'I want to be a leader.' It made Jamar step up and say 'I'm going to be a leader.' The suspension, in some ways, was a blessing in disguise because it made people step out of their shells and really become leaders."

Kelly said his absence and Pullen's helped the young guys, especially sophomore guard Rodney McGruder, who led the team in 3-pointers as well as rebounds, and junior forward Jamar Samuels, Big 12 Sixth Man of the Year last year, who earned a starting role this season.

"Our depth was tampered with," Kelly said. "We had

to ask people to step up that wasn't used to stepping up, but I think God does everything for a reason, and that situation that happened wound up getting us better for now."

Because the team played multiple games without its "stars," as some would call them, other players became more confident in their abilities and that confidence remained even after the team was intact again. Kelly used several examples to illustrate this. When he is in foul trouble, Kelly said sophomore counterpart Jordan Henriquez-Roberts is not scared of going in and picking up the slack; he has done it before. McGruder knows he can step up and hit big shots for the Wildcats when needed, and he does so often.

About the same time Kelly rejoined the lineup, junior forward Freddy Asprilla, who had been in his first season at K-State, quit the team. Two weeks later, sophomore forward Wally Judge did the same. The combination of their departures dealt a sucker punch to early speculation that the Wildcats' frontcourt could be one of the deepest and strongest in the country.

K-State's offense had been predicated on using the big guys inside to score. Without Asprilla and Judge, the Wildcats' frontcourt had much

less size and much less depth. Enter a new offense, one that assistant coach Brad Underwood had been mentioning for years.

Instead of just standing on the block, guys are causing movement by cutting to the rim, so their athleticism and quickness becomes part of the equation, Underwood explained. He added that this new setup also drags the other team's defenders away from the basket, forcing them to guard in open space, which makes most big men uncomfortable.

"We've had to play line-ups where we've been a little smaller, moving Rodney, Shane, Jamar and even to a certain extent Curtis Kelly, moving them away from the basket, allowing them to play on the perimeter, and it causes matchup problems," Underwood said.

If the team had not lost Asprilla and Judge, changing the offense would not have been so imperative. Martin talked about how "smash-mouth offense" - getting the ball to the big men and having them score at the rim - has always been his philosophy. Since that was not working, he was more receptive to Underwood's proposition.

Also in January, Pullen stated that he would not play in the NIT if the Wildcats did

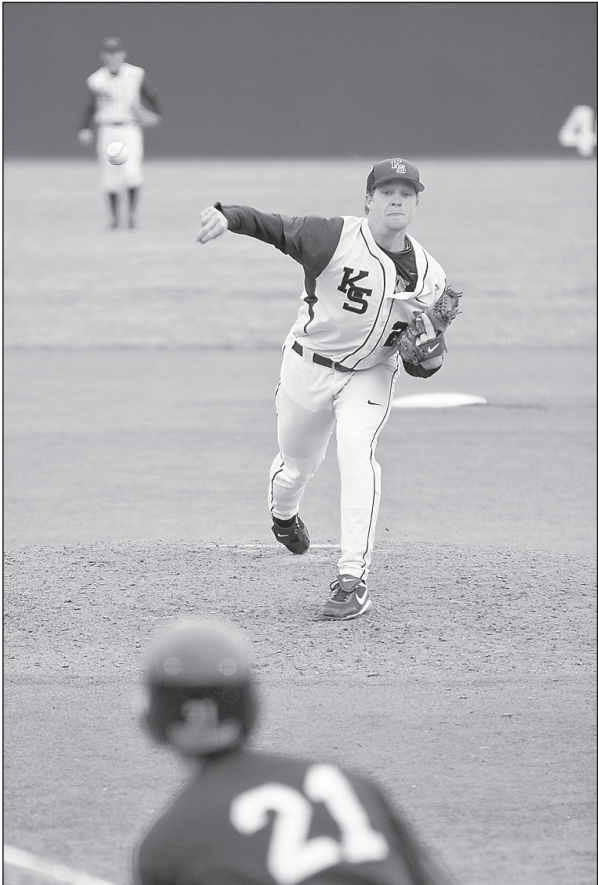
not get selected for the NCAA tournament. The quote was spread across the Twitter world and played on ESPN multiple times. Even that, though, ended up helping the team in the long run.

"The way that the media blew that quote up, it really challenged my team, and they felt like it was me challenging them, and they responded unbelievably to it," Pullen said. "They felt that if I was that passionate about not playing in the NIT, they weren't going to let me play in the NIT also. When they started to bring a different passion about it, then I started to bring a different passion about it, and I think that's what's made our team better these last ... games."

As if all this was not enough, the Wildcats played 10 ranked teams this season. Do the math and about one-third of their games were played against teams in the top 25 in the country. So while 10 losses in a season does not look real good, K-State did well considering its competition. Its reward? The No. 5 seed it received on Selection Sunday.

Despite all the hurdles the Wildcats have encountered this season, they are still in the race. Surprisingly, those hurdles have a lot to do with that.

## K-State faces off against Nebraska at home tonight



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Junior pitcher, Lindsey throws a pitch during K-State's match against the Long Island Blackbirds Sunday afternoon. The Wildcats lost the game 5-6 to the Blackbirds.

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junior staff writer

The Kansas State Wildcats' baseball squad will finally conclude a stretch of nine consecutive games at Tointon Family Stadium tonight. The Wildcats will face off against the Nebraska Cornhuskers in K-State's first taste of Big 12 competition, but the game will not count towards either team's conference record. The Wildcats have an 11-4 record on the year thus far, while the Cornhuskers are 9-6.

Last weekend, the Wildcats split a four-game series with the Long Island Blackbirds. The two losses at the end of the series highlighted the Wildcats' inability to come up with timely hits.

According to the press release by the K-State Athletic Department, "We just couldn't get a big hit," head coach Brad Hill said. "We just didn't get that done."

Hitting has been an area of inconsistency so far this season. The Wildcats have put up as many as 14 runs in a single game, but have struggled in others. Twice this season, K-State has been held to two runs or less.

Inconsistencies in batting averages throughout the team have also been noticed.

Nick Martini leads the team with a .415 batting average. The second best player on the team in that category, Dan Klein, is just behind Martini with a .316 average.

"Offensively we have a way to go and we make some critical errors," Hill said. "Our hitting has to get better, or we are going to run into some trouble when we play better competition."

"We could play really well during that stretch and maybe only come out with two or three wins."

Brad Hill  
Head Coach

As for the Cornhuskers, they lead the overall series against the Wildcats 161-104, including a 74-66 mark when they play the Wildcats in Manhattan. The Cornhuskers are hungry for a win after dropping two games in a three game series with the Fresno State Bulldogs last weekend.

Nebraska is also anxious to grab their first win on the road of the season, as three of their six total losses have come away from Lincoln.

They dropped their first game of the season at Texas State, and then got swept in a two game series against Sam Houston State.

Offensively, the Cornhuskers are impressive at the plate. As a team, they maintain a .292 batting average. Kash Kalkowski, who leads the team in both batting average and home runs with .385 and two respectively, is the primary threat on offense for the Cornhuskers.

"The Big 12 is really good, and every game will be tough," Hill said during the preseason.

The Wildcats will face the Huskers for just one game before hitting the road to start their official Big 12 schedule. It won't be easy to start for the Wildcats, as they dive head first into conference play with two straight road series' against the Texas Longhorns and the Baylor Bears, two of the conference's top teams.

"It will be a gauntlet," Hill said. "We could play really well during that stretch and maybe only come out with two or three wins."

Justin Lindsey is expected to make the start on the mound for the Wildcats, while Dylan Vogt will start for the Cornhuskers.



# NICE TO MEAD YOU

## Winery produces home-grown version of ancient drink

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Honey didn't always belong to your cute cuddly, sticky honey bear that sits on the counter next to the toaster. Commonly sold at Renaissance fairs, mead is the oldest known alcoholic beverage and it is honey-based according to brewery.org.

The term "honeymoon" is largely based off the custom of drinking a honey-based mead, according to brewery.org. Celtic tradition and folklore gave birth to the belief that, to enhance fertility, newlyweds must drink mead everyday for a month or moon cycle after the wedding. But why wait until your honeymoon?

Renaissance Cellars Winery makes honey mead called "Fat Friar's" in St. Mary's, Kan., about 30 miles east of Manhattan. Tim Akers and Eric Stevenson have created unique mead solely from products in Kansas.

"Our mead is semi-sweet and lightly infused with lavender," said Stevenson. "All of our honey, as well as our grapes come entirely from Kansas."

With countless flavors of honey, mead is classified by what is added to the honey solution instead of the honey itself. Traditional mead is only made with honey, water, yeast and a small acid addition to balance out the palate and mouth feel.

Technically, the mead created at Renaissance Cellars would be called Metheglin, as it is infused with the herb lavender. Other popular meads are Melomel, made from other fruit, Cyser, made with apples and Pymment, made with grapes.

Many online mead forums such as Wine Press and Home Brew Talk reported that mead is more like beer than wine. However, the federal government dubbed mead a wine, mainly due to its alcohol content, according to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau or TTB. Most consumers consider it a happy medium between beer and wine, according to Stevenson.

"We are looking to make some different varieties of mead and each have a different name," Stevenson said.

He said Renaissance Cellars will be raising its own bees starting this year and the company is always interested in working with other Kansas beekeepers.

But what does it take to start



courtesy photo

your own personal meadery?

Federal regulations allow adults over 21 to make up to 100 gallons a year or 200 gallons per household for personal or family use without paying alcohol tax or license, according to the TTB. Wine made in this way cannot be sold and distillation is prohibited.

Bob DesRuisseaux, a home winemaker, just started making mead himself. DesRuisseaux said he is very concerned about using local ingredients.

When brainstorming local ingredients to turn into wine, he said he instantly thought of honey.

Starting with a five-gallon fer-

mentor, DesRuisseaux slowly diluted the honey to reduce the sugar of the solution. Honey is naturally too sweet to ferment, which is why the honey bear can be left out on the counter without spoiling.

Diluting the honey lowers the degree of Brix, which represents the dissolved sugar content of a solution. Specific gravity is the basis for measuring Brix and can be determined by using a hydrometer.

DesRuisseaux said it is important to measure the degree of Brix to properly forecast the potential a solution has to create alcohol. If the Brix are too high for the honey solution, the yeast will refuse to

ferment it and it will produce little to no alcohol.

To start your own personal meadery, you will need a container for fermenting, honey, water and yeast. DesRuisseaux suggested an acid addition to adjust the pH and balance the sweet flavor of the honey.

Yeast requires acidic environments, so add acid. The acid will create a hostile environment for microbial competition that could lead to contaminating the mead, eventually producing flavor.

Mead takes longer than beer to ferment and likes to ferment in 70-80 degree Fahrenheit. Be pa-

tient with the fermentation and store the mead in a cool place.

Most online brew websites provide additional advice, recipes and more.

If you can't wait, purchase a bottle from your favorite liquor store or take a road trip to St. Mary's and visit Renaissance Cellars Winery for your very own bottle of "Fat Friar's".

Next time when passing the honey bears in the supermarket, don't think of them as little gooey creatures waiting to be poured over toast in the morning; think of them as honey grails waiting to be brewed.

## Eating competitions offer variety of food, prizes for brave souls



Kelsey Castanon

With huge portion sizes at many restaurants today, having the capacity to finish a full meal oftentimes seems near impossible. However, there are those select individuals who are never quite satisfied with merely a turkey sandwich and french fries. And if you are among the few people with a bottomless stomach, checking out some food challenges in Manhattan could be just the feat you need before spring break.

Advisory: swimsuit or swim trunks might not fit the same

after.

If you're looking for something with some spice, check out Buffalo Wild Wings Blazin' Challenge.

The challenge only calls for you, 12 traditional wings and the hottest sauce the restaurant's got. The catch, according to Griffin Kelley general manager, however, is you have to eat the wings in six minutes or less. Additionally, you can't have anything to drink when you're eating it.

What's at stake, however, is some free merchandise.

"You get a Blazin' T-shirt and we take your picture and it goes on our TV (at the restaurant)," Kelley said. "We don't use Polaroid's anymore because they stopped making Polaroid's but we still take your picture."

The challenge is one that has been completed by people all around the U.S. As far as Manhattan goes, numerous people

have stepped up to the plate.

"Shoot, I've been here five years and I have a big stack of (Polaroid's)," Kelley said. "I mean, I've had hundreds of people do it."

Failing at this food challenge is likely to end with both disappointment and a lingering burn in your mouth.

For meat lovers and foodies alike, there are more food challenges to be had in Manhattan.

At Kite's Grille and Bar, individuals can compete in the Will Ferrell three-pound Cheeseburger Challenge - the challenge that Ferrell reportedly completed - for a little less than \$35. Topped on three pounds of beef is American cheese, lettuce, onions, pickles and tomatoes, and all must be eaten to be considered a success.

Julie Nelson, K-State alumnae and Kite's employee, said anywhere between half and

three-fourths of the people who attempt the challenge complete it. If completed, contenders get a free T-shirt.

Similarly at stake is a T-shirt for another burger challenge in Manhattan. It is called the Cowboy Challenge and can be found at So Long Saloon.

Priced at \$17.50, the challenge consists of eating an entire 10-layer ground beef burger with two layers of American cheese, bacon, a fried egg and mayonnaise topped on Texas toast. While it is surely a mouthful in itself, a side of french fries is included and must be eaten in order to complete the challenge completely.

If you are looking for more variety in your challenge, check out Doughboys Pizza and Pub's challenge. Doughboys' food challenge consists of eating an entire 20-inch Doughboy pizza, four pepperoni rolls

and one 12-inch cookie cake topped with two scoops of ice cream.

It's an appetizer, meal and dessert in one setting. Priced at approximately \$33 if eaten alone, it might seem like too much money to risk; however, if you complete the challenge you get the food for free. Along with a free meal, you will also get a bumper sticker and be included on the new restaurant's "Wall of Fame." Failure to complete the challenge will also land you a spot on the wall, only in this instance it is on Doughboys' "Wall of Shame." There's a lot at stake, but then again, that's a whole lot of food.

"It's seriously almost four pounds of food," said Courtney Fox, junior in apparel marketing and Doughboy employee. "We're all too chicken to try it. Whoever does (the challenge) deserves a beer for sure."

Employee Sara Matteson said there have been "a lot of people who say they want to try it, but no one has attempted it."

The challenge has been around as many weeks as the restaurant has, so there hasn't been as much opportunity to complete it, but it definitely brings a plethora of different foods to the table, literally.

"It's different because it's a lot of different kinds of food, so it's not just one big thing you have to finish," Matteson said.

But at the end of the day, no restaurant should let a customer leave hungry. If you have a big appetite, I double-dog-dare you to check out these food challenges.

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### HOROSCOPES

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**Libra Sept. 23 - Oct. 22**  
Other people are not as crazy as you make them out to be. Wait, no, yes they are.
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**Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21**  
Today, your K-State T-shirt will bring you luck. Sport the outfit proudly as confidence will be what attracts others to you.
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**Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21**  
Did you know that you and Britney Spears share the same sign? If people with the same signs share the same fate, this could mean two things: you will soon hit the big time with a musical career, or your head will soon lose its hair.

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**Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19**  
Your countdown has finally reached its stopping point. Spring break is finally here and no longer will you have to pretend to enjoy the Rec and healthy dieting.
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**Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 18**  
Avoid using too many metaphors in daily conversation with friends this week. Not only will they think your "head is in the clouds," but they will also want to "put a foot in your mouth."
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**Pisces Feb. 19 - March 20**  
We all thought the day full of damage to your liver was over after last weekend. Unfortunately, St. Patrick's Day has a new plan for you. Drink responsibly.

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**Aries March 21 - April 19**  
You will feel really warm and fuzzy about yourself if you give blood this week. If you don't, the free T-shirt you'll get for donating will surely keep you warm.
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**Taurus April 20 - May 20**  
If you're among the many people not going anywhere for spring break, take advantage of the reduced population in Manhattan next week. Now is your chance to dance ridiculously on campus.
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**Gemini May 21 - June 20**  
Filling out your March Madness bracket has proven to be quite a time consumer - especially when money is involved. Enter in the Collegian's bracket challenge for the chance to win \$250!

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**Cancer June 21 - July 22**  
Now is the perfect time for you to be single. Remember that.
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**Leo July 23 - Aug. 22**  
If you are feeling insightful, visit poetry slam champion Buddy Wakefield tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Nichols Theatre.
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**Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept. 22**  
You watched the Bachelor earlier this week, and you spent the whole time thinking it was you swimming with a shark and Brad, newsflash: it wasn't. But I hear ABC is casting for next season!

-Compiled by Kelsey Castanon



# Global peace, fundraising lead monk’s agenda



Monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery perform the opening ceremony to the Mandala sand painting exhibit in the K-State Student Union Courtyard yesterday afternoon. These sand paintings took extreme detail and tedious planning that involved protractors, rulers and chalking strings.

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# FORGIVE | Telling the truth helps

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did was lead Cleveland on. Once James left, hatred ignited like a California wildfire.

The recession hit Cleveland particularly hard and James and the Cavaliers served as an outlet. James was a voice of hope, according to Underwood. It is a tale of a man becoming a king, then acting like a snake.

“He was one of the best high school stars in the world to be honest with you with how many state rings he won, it’s just a shame he couldn’t even win a NBA Championship in his own hometown,” said Sam Barker, sophomore in business marketing. “Now, he’s going to fail in Miami too. So pretty much, it’s just a devastating performance on his part. He’s a rival in everyone’s eyes. The way he left Cleveland was the most brutal part about it. He betrayed his hometown and fans and made it into a circus. That show he did with Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade was a joke.”

Maybe if Woods told the truth right off and admitted he wanted to be a ladies’ man before he got married, he would not be as hated as he is today. Maybe if Rodriguez told the world “I want to hit more home runs, so I am taking steroids,” he would not be as hated. Maybe if James had told Cleveland “I will play here, but I am most concerned with winning championships,” he would not be hated.

They were once considered leaders. Leaders in the industry, leaders in their sport and leading role models in America. But are they considered that now?

“I don’t see (Rodriguez, James, Woods) necessarily as leaders,” said Monica Strathman, business manager at the Leadership School of Studies. “They lack integrity. They lack ethics. People want their leaders held to a high standard. If they can’t be honest, if they can’t be trusted, if people feel like they are not doing the right thing about what they are passionate about, then people are suspect about that. It shows a lack of integrity.”

Whether they like it or not these “celeb-athletes” are paid Supermen. It seems that honesty translates into integrity and having integrity comes with being on top of the pyramid in America. When athletes are handed \$250 million to hit a baseball, then becoming a role model for their team and fans is an unsaid agreement in the contract. Ordinary people might try to take the easy way out, but when a person is paid millions and serves as an outlet for ordinary people, they become extraordinary.

# Speech gives perspective

Professor lends insight to the reality behind Islamic beliefs

Austin Enns  
coverage editor

Jihad is a scary word for most Americans. It brings dark images of suicide bombers and terrorists to mind. Islam is another word that might come to mind, but Ali Khan, Professor of Law at Washburn University spoke yesterday in the K-State Union urging the audience to recognize the complexity in the nation’s Islamic community.

“We have to look at the term American Muslims, those are two words that haven’t been put together before,” Khan said. “Never less, when you put these things together, American Muslims, it still sounds strange.”

Khan said there are about 7 million Muslims in the United States, and the community is extremely diverse encompassing all classes and races of people.

The speech emphasized that Muslims should not be judged because of the actions of a few of its members.

“‘When you say ‘American Muslim’ you’re constructing a group,” Khan said. “This is a construct, something

we have imagined. I think my first suggestion to you is, these people are all individuals, and we have chosen to call them a group, American Muslims.”

Christians, Jews, and Muslims all believe in sin, an afterlife, one God, and accountability for actions in this life, but Khan said Muslims do not receive the same respect granted by Muslims.

Pictures of a Koran on toilet paper, a sign advocating burning the holy book, and a shirt saying Muslims are from the devil were all projected onto a screen for the audience.

Khan talked about how much Americans valued individualism, then he told the audience how Muslims are denied that treatment in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Will Ramsey, freshman in finance, said he attended the lecture for Culture in Context, a class that urges the participants to go outside their comfort zone.

“I thought it was really good because I was able to learn a lot about Islam which is a culture I knew absolutely nothing about,” Ramsey said. “Even though it was for a class it was very beneficial.”

Even though Khan said the United States is still free, he said muslims are



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On Tuesday evening **L. Ali Khan**, LL.M., J.S.D., professor of law at Washburn University School of Law, spoke at the Dorothy L. Thompson Civil Rights Lecture Series. Khan’s lecture topic was on American Muslims and their right to religious freedom.

no longer trusted.

Another point Khan covered, dealt with Islam and violence. Khan said Islam did not condone wanton violence, but it also does not believe in pacifism.

“Islam does not believe in turning the other cheek, we believe you should rise up if you are oppressed,” Khan said. “Islam does teach violence,

but not gratuitous violence, not unjust violence.

Kendal Rice, sophomore in open option, said he enjoyed listening to Khan’s thoughts’ on Islam.

“I thought it was interesting,” Rice said. “I have kind of more or less heard the same thing, but it was interesting to hear it from his perspective, him being Muslim.”

# Can time off hurt school work?

Don Bolerjack  
staff writer

With spring break coming up, students are patiently waiting to depart on this weeklong holiday free of stress, class and homework. For Kevin O’Connor, sophomore in interior architecture and product design, this is exactly how the break will be.

“It’s a nice break to be able relax after having all of your previous projects and gear up for your most important project,” O’Connor said.

Gary Brase, associate professor

of psychology, had a slightly different opinion on students and how the break affects their ability to get back in the groove of things. Brase said the extended break could trigger something called the “Forgetting Curve,” which illustrates the amount of memory an individual is capable of retaining over a certain amount of time. Brase said the longer time goes on, the less an individual can remember.

When asked if spring break had a positive or negative effect on students, Brase said “It can be positive, the ideas of time to com-

pensate for stress.” However, Brase added that he had concern about the risk of students forgetting material.

“Taking a week off means you start that ‘Forgetting Curve,’” Brase said.

Sam Mwangi, assistant professor of journalism and mass communication, believes the positives of spring break outweigh the negatives.

“I think it is a positive thing to let (students) recharge,” Mwangi said. “We make it negative when we load them up with more work.”

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# Salina’s unmanned aircraft systems program taking off, degree in future

Enrollment numbers grow as school awaits approval

Sam Diederich  
news editor

It’s not uncommon to hear jokes about towns in Kansas being behind the times. Every Kansas resident has probably suffered at least one jab while on an out-of-state vacation. “You all have electricity out there in the Land of Oz? How are Toto and Dorothy?”

Students at K-State Salina can respond with a quick grin, “Toto and Dorothy are fine. They are learning to fly remotely piloted aircraft. Manned aircraft are too 20th century.”

Founded in 2007, the unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) program at K-State Salina has been attracting an increasing number of students. Interest in the field of unmanned flight exploded at Salina this year when enrollment in the introduction course increased by 200 percent.

“We see where the future of aviation is going,” said Eric Shappee, associate professor of unmanned aircraft systems. “If you look, you will see the military has a great number of unmanned systems. We explored that avenue and decided that this would be a very good area to get involved in.”

Shappee first began his career in unmanned aircraft systems in 2000 as an operator for a Predator Drone, a remotely piloted aircraft used by the military. His personal and pro-

fessional experience with remotely piloted aircraft has made him an advocate for the technology.

“If you put a man in an aircraft and you send him out on a mission for observing a disaster, after a while it can get tedious and boring, and when things get tedious and boring, error rates for the human rise,” Shappee said.

By using a remotely piloted aircraft, personnel can fly the plane in consecutive shifts which allows for longer flight times and prevents pilots from being spread too thin. UAS technology also allows planes to more closely monitor scenes that may present dangers to manned aircraft.

“If you want to send an aircraft out to a disaster like a nuclear power plant that has released a plume, you don’t want to use a manned aircraft,” Shappee said. “It’s too dangerous.”

Shappee said remotely piloted aircraft are also more economically viable.

“We can put an aerosonde up in orbit for 20 hours over one spot and we don’t have to worry about bringing it back to replace fuel or the crew,” Shappee said. “The aerosonde itself, not the one we have at Salina, but a similar model, has actually gone across the Atlantic Ocean on a gallon and a half of gas. Talk about the economy of that, it’s outrageous.”

The burgeoning interest in unmanned aircraft systems has sparked change at K-State Salina. The school does not yet have a degree program for unmanned air-

craft systems, but Kurt Barnhart, professor and head of the department of aviation, said the university is currently awaiting approval to begin a degree program next fall.

“It’s at the Board of Regents level and we are anticipating approval sometime this summer,” Barnhart said. “Remotely piloted aircraft are a huge part of the future of aviation. They will be around for a long time and are not going away.”

If the Kansas Board of Regents approves the program, K-State will be among the first universities in the country to offer a degree in unmanned aircraft systems.

If the growing student interest is any indicator, there is an increasing need for pilots trained for UAS.

“Students see our activity on campus and they look at that and think, ‘Wow, that looks like something fun to get into and it looks like a possible career path,’” Shappee said. “It will create more jobs for everybody because to fly an unmanned aircraft you are going to have to be a pilot.”

With degree approval pending, Barnhart is excited about K-State Salina’s opportunity to offer a degree that grew from a single class.

“We were one of the first in the nation. Now there are several universities setting up UAS programs, but we were operational and were one of the first in the nation,” Barnhart said. “It’s taken a team of people on this campus who are committed to leaning forward and that’s what we’ve done, and we are happy about it.”

# Census brings redistricting

Changes impact rural areas, large cities in different ways

Sam Diederich  
news editor

Once every 10 years, the state of Kansas dusts off a map of congressional districts, checks the U.S. Census for a quick head count of residents and then shuffles up districts and re-deals.

The process, known as redistricting, serves to ensure that Kansas residents are represented by the appropriate number of legislators.

“Every legislature across the country goes through a redistricting process to ensure that there are equal numbers in each district,” said Joseph Aistrup, interim associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of political science. “That takes place at a congressional level in the U.S. Congress and for state legislatures. It even goes down to counties if you are talking about county commissioners.”

The process, which will be completed in 2012, uses district population totals from the U.S. Census Bureau to determine which districts have grown and which have thinned out. Districts are then re-proportioned.

“What that means in the terms of the state of Kansas is that the less populated areas, their district sizes will get larger and there will be fewer of them,” Aistrup said. “Where as in the Kansas City, Lawrence or Manhattan areas, our district sizes will get smaller and we will see more of them because we will have a larger population.”

More districts should translate to more representation in the state legislator, which should mean better representation of area populations. Though the process can cause a shifting in district lines, it does not usually mean a shift in political power.

“It probably won’t have any impact

upon the partisan nature of our legislature. We are dominated by Republicans,” Aistrup said.

If there is a shift in political power, Aistrup said it is usually in the direction of the party with the power.

“Given the fact that Republicans are in a dominant position, those districts will be drawn so that Republicans are more likely to win elections,” Aistrup said. “Let’s put it this way, they are not going to do the Democrats any favors. That’s just the way politics works.”

Though policy-makers can influence redistricting, there are state regulations designed to protect against too much manipulation of the system.

“They have to try to keep communities of interest together. For example, you don’t want to split Manhattan into 13 different districts,” Aistrup said. “Another example, Hispanic communities need to have districts large enough that they cannot be split up. It is the same with African Americans.”

By keeping communities of interest together, there is a better chance citizens will be able to elect a representative of their community to the state legislature.

The Manhattan area could experience some redistricting in the upcoming shuffle of districts. Aistrup said Manhattan could go from being in the 2nd Congressional district to the 1st, which would mean uncertainty for U.S. Rep. Lynn Jenkins, the current representative for the 2nd district.

If Jenkins loses Manhattan to redistricting, she would need to recover votes, likely by reaching out to Douglas County and Lawrence.

Any redistricting choices would probably be difficult to alter, Aistrup said.

“The courts, unless there is some diluting of a protected class or of individuals from a historically underrepresented group, are going to uphold whatever the state legislature decides,” Aistrup said.

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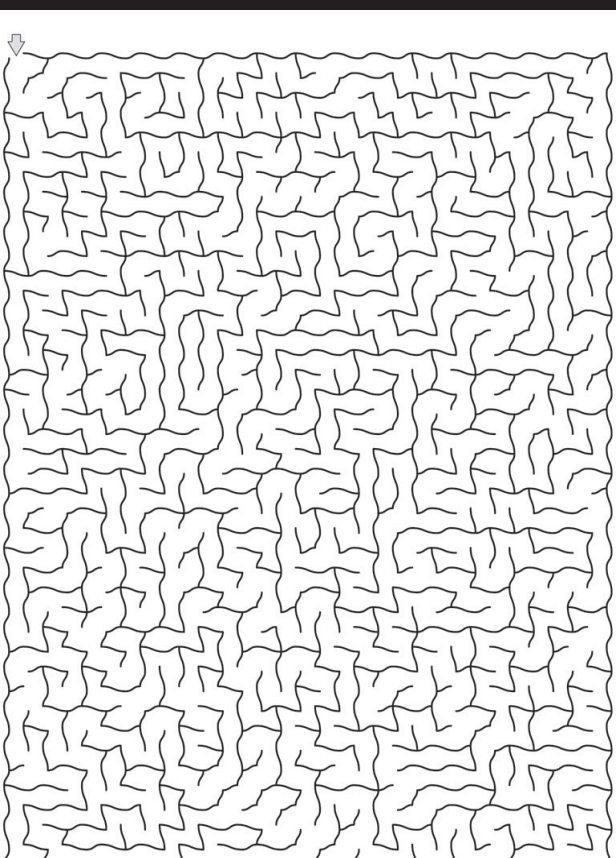


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